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1. The 4th Volkspolizei Alert unit at Meiningen is similar in organization to a Soviet infantry battalion. It is still equipped, however, with German infantry weapons. The enlisted personnel is drawn, in general, from the 1932-1934 age classes. The officers and non-commissioned officers come from the 1925-1930 age group. The morale of the troops is very poor, partly because of the nearness of the zonal boundary. Eleven arrests were made in the last few months. The majority of the offenses dealt with the distribution of pro-allied propaganda material among the troops. The punishment rate for offenses against discipline and military orders is also very high in the Meiningen unit.

2. Organization

Commander of the unit: VP Oberst Herbert Baier, about 35 years old.
 Political officer: VP Oberst Karl Peters, about 31 years old.
 Deputy Commander: a VP Rat, about 36 years old.
 Adjutant: VP Rat Bachmann, about 28 years old.
 Director of Training: VP Rat Walter Becker, about 27 years old.
 Operations Officer: VP Rat Klaus Mueller, about 38 years old.
 Personnel Officer: VP Rat Kurt Schultz, about 25 years old.
 VVS (confidential security) officer: VP Oberkommissar Horst Konradi, about 35 years old.
 Party Organization Chairman: a VP Rat.
 Intelligence Officer: VP Oberkommissar.
 Chief of Staff: VP Kommissar.

3. Staff

Finance Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Commissary: VP Oberkommissar

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Clothing Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Equipment Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Ordnance Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Transport (KFZ) Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Plans Officer: VP Kommissar
 Records Officer: VP Meister
 Accounts Officer: VP Hauptmeister
 Quartermaster Sergeant: VP Meister
 Chief Cook: VP Meister, with six cooks.
 Supply Storekeeper: VP Meister
 Supply Accountant: VP Meister
 Equipment Storekeeper: VP Meister
 Equipment File Keeper: VP Hauptwachtmeister
 Ordnance Sergeant: VP Meister
 Workshop Chief (Transport): VP Meister
 Deputy Shop Chief: VP Hauptwachtmeister
 Transport Service Chief: VP Kommissar
 Deputy Transport Service Chief: VP Meister, with 16 chauffeurs
 Sanitary Officer: VP Rat (temporarily, a contract physician)
 Deputy Officer: VP Kommissar
 Four Kommando sanitary officers: Obermeister and Hauptwachtmeister

4. Training Section

Deputy Training Officer: VP Oberkommissar, with four assistants (VP Kommissars)

5. Operations Sections

Deputy Operations Officer: VP Oberkommissar, and four assistants (VP Kommissars)

6. Personnel Section

Deputy Personnel Officer: VP Oberkommissar, and four assistants (VP Kommissars)

7. Intelligence Section

Four Instructors (VP Meister)
 One Librarian (VP Hauptwachtmeister)

8. Communications Section

Communications Chief: VP Kommissar, with four telephone operators and four teletypists

9. Staff Platoon (heavy platoon)

Staff Platoon Leader: VP Oberkommissar
 Platoon Political Officer: VP Meister
 1st Squad Leader: VP Meister
 Squad Political Leader: VP Meister
 2nd and 3rd Squad Leader: VP Hauptwachtmeister
 Squad Political Leader: VP Hauptwachtmeister

10. 1st Kommando

Commander: VP Rat Paul Reinhard
 Political Officer: VP Rat Franz Steinert
 Operations Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Training Officer: VP Oberkommissar
 Assistant Adjutant: VP Oberkommissar
 Quartermaster Sergeant: VP Meister
 Ordnance Sergeant: VP Meister
 Military Police Sergeant: VP Meister

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11. 1st Reinforced Platoon (Abteilung)

Commander: VP Oberkommissar
Political Officer: VP Oberkommissar

12. 2nd, 3rd and 4th Reinforced Platoons (Abteilungen)

Commander: VP Kommissar
Political Officer: VP Kommissar
1st Squad
Squad Leader: VP Meister
Political Leader: VP Meister
2nd and 3rd Squads
Squad Leader: VP Hauptwachtmeister
Political Leader: VP Hauptwachtmeister

13. 2nd Kommando

Commander: VP Rat Heinrich Kuhlers
Political Officer: VP Rat Kurt Reimann

14. 3rd Kommando

Commander: VP Rat Herbert Glinke
Political Officer: VP Rat

15. 4th Kommando

Commander: VP Rat
Political Officer: VP Rat

16. Arms and Equipment: Infantry Weapons

	Carbines	Pistols	Pistols	Pistols	Machine Guns	Machine Pistols	Mortars
	98	7.65	08	38	42	44	
Staff		22	19	36		12	
Staff Platoon		2	4	4	3	18	3
1st Kommando	112	13	20	7	4		
2nd Kommando	112	13	20	7	4		
3rd Kommando	112	13	20	7	4		
4th Kommando	112	13	20	7	4		
Totals	448	76	103	68	19	30	3

17. Close-combat Weapons

	Bayonets	Stick Grenades	Pineapple Grenades	Anti-tank Mines	Trench Spades	Spades	Picks
Staff		130	150		25		
Staff Platoon		100	100	50	30	50	10
1st Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
2nd Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
3rd Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
4th Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
Totals	448	5,030	4,250	850	535	250	50

Entrenching Tools

Stick Pineapple Anti-tank Trench Spades Picks
Grenades Grenades Mines Spades

Staff		130	150		25		
Staff Platoon		100	100	50	30	50	10
1st Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
2nd Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
3rd Kommando	112	1,200	1,000	200	120	50	10
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	Carbines	Machine Guns	9 mm Pistols	7.65 Pistols	75 mm Mortars	44 Machine Pistols
Staff			4,500	4,000		10,000
Staff Platoon		30,000	1,000	500	250	17,500
1st Kommando	120,000	40,000	3,000	1,500		
2nd Kommando	120,000	40,000	3,000	1,500		
3rd Kommando	120,000	40,000	3,000	1,500		
4th Kommando	120,000	40,000	3,000	1,500		
Totals	480,000	190,000	17,500	10,500	250	27,500

19. Motor Vehicles: Two Opel-Admiral, two Opel-Olympia, three Opel-Kapitan; four Jeeps (Volkswagen), all of pre-war or wartime build; two Horch-Zwickau; 50 army trucks.

20. Training Program: The basic training includes an hour each day of instruction in army service regulations. Instruction in the use of Soviet infantry weapons is given, with the aid of manuals, during the training in the use of arms. Tactically, the troops are trained first of all in dispositions for offensive action. The kommandos alternately are trained in offensive and defensive tactics against each other. The practical examples are then analyzed and interpreted theoretically with the aid of maps and sand tables.

21. The first two training hours each day are devoted to political instruction. Political classes are also held in the evenings. The men have hardly any time for recreation and leave.

22. Personnel

	T/O			Actual Strength		
	Officers	Non-Com.	Enlisted	Officers	Non-Com.	Enlisted
Command	3			3		
Staff	9	9	6	7	10	6
Transport Section	1	19		1	7	12
Training Section	6			4	2	
Operations Section	6			4	3	
Personnel Section	7			5	2	
Intelligence Section	2	5		2	5	
Communications Section	1	2	6	1	2	6
Medical Section	2	4		1	4	
Staff Platoon	2	7	30	2	7	30
1st Kommando	13	27	120	11	23	126
2nd Kommando	13	27	120	12	24	124
3rd Kommando	13	27	120	9	21	130
4th Kommando	13	27	120	12	25	109
Totals	90	154	522 766	73	135	543 751

Enclosure: Sketch map of barracks of Volkspolizei in Meiningen, 1 page

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The main guardhouse (HW) contains the guard, the officers and post service room, and four cells. The two standing guard-posts are at the entrance gates (P1, P2). In addition, the area is patrolled by two traveling guard-posts that hourly make the rounds of the enclosure from Post 1 to Post 2 and back. The guard consists of an officer, a deputy officer, and 12 men.

24. The staff, with service and living quarters, is quartered in Block A. The Communications section, with telephone and teletype room is also here. Block B houses the 1st Kommando and four instruction rooms; officers' room, Wachtmeisters' and "orderlies" room, office, and quarters. The kommando armory, supply storeroom and clothing supply room are in the basement.
25. Block C houses the 2nd Kommando, with arrangements similar to block B.
26. Block D contains the mess hall, kitchen, canteen and club rooms, and the infirmary. It also houses the staff platoon with its services.
27. Block E houses the 3rd Kommando, with arrangements similar to block B. In the basement are also the commissary office and a sealed storage cellar with food supplies for six months.
28. Block F houses the 4th Kommando. It also has in the basement a storeroom for the unit's weapons, and a motor vehicle spare parts and camouflage room.
29. The motor vehicles of the transport section are kept in the garages (G1, G2), together with a motor vehicle workshop. The garage (G3) is the section's fuel storage place. The staff platoon's mortars are also kept there.
30. Ammunition bunkers are shown at M1, M2, M3, M4, M5 and M6. M1 contains the staff's ammunition; M2, that of the staff platoon; M3, M4, M5 and M6, the ammunition for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Kommandos respectively.
31. In the northwestern part of the barracks area there is an old anti-aircraft emplacement. The grounds for target practice lie about 1,500 meters north of the barracks.

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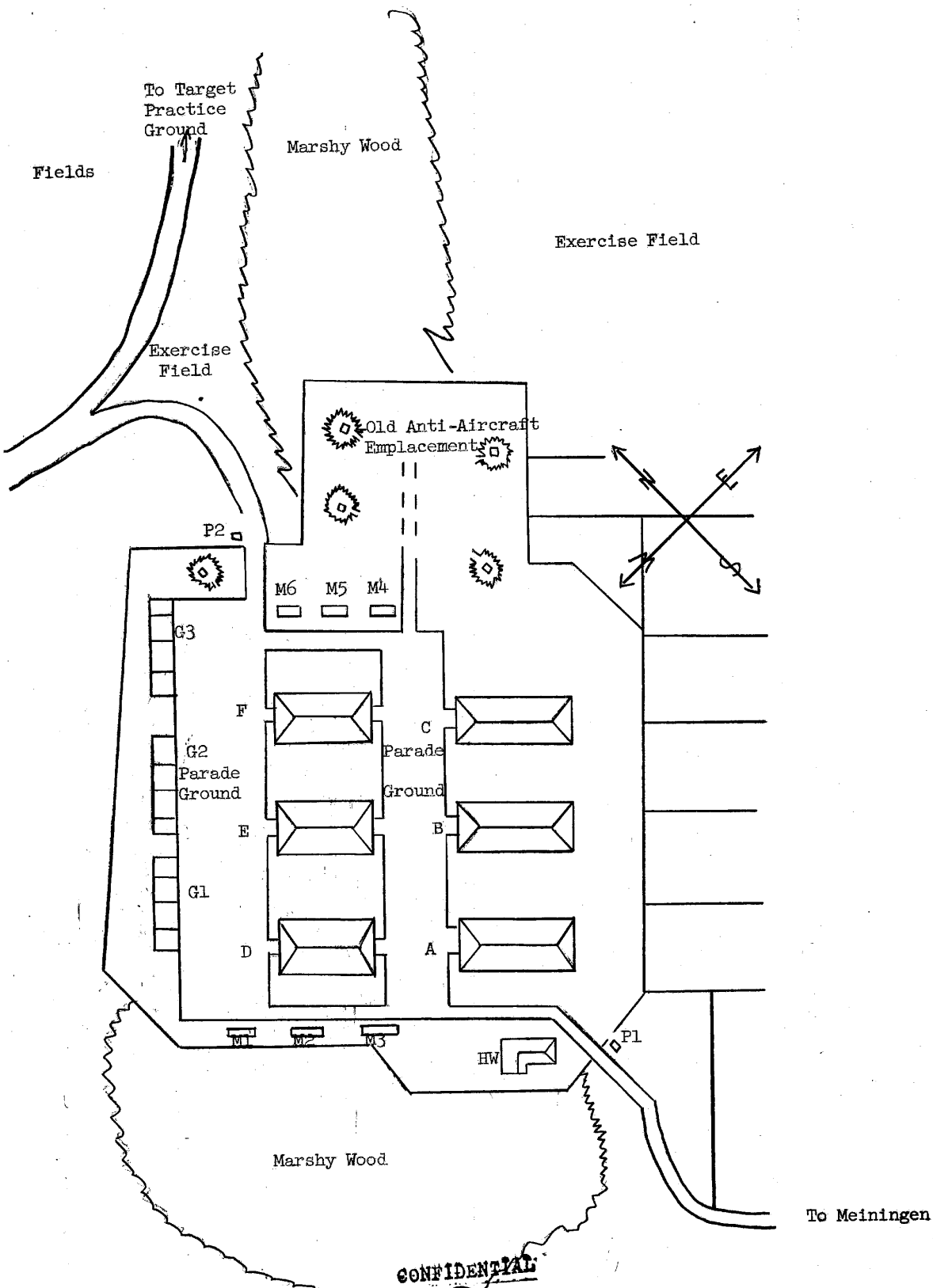
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ATTACHMENT

Barracks of Volkspolizei in Meiningen



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